

ANNUAL GOALS

Annual goals are the current year's increments toward achieving Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks' long-term goals. Long-term goals, in turn, are increments toward achieving mission goals. Mission goals are statements of ideal future conditions pursued "in perpetuity" to achieve the mission of these parks. The annual goals below, therefore, are listed in the context of their long-term and mission goals originating in the parks' Strategic Plan.

Following are these parks' annual goals for FY2003. The numbering sequence generally follows that of the NPS Servicewide Strategic Plan. Goal numbers may not be consecutive – where numbers are left out, there was no local goal matching the NPS goal.

GOAL CATEGORY I: PRESERVE PARK RESOURCES

Goal Ia1A – Restore Disturbed Lands

NPS Mission Goal. By September 30, 2005, natural and cultural resources are protected, restored, and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context.

Park Long-term Goal. By September 30, 2005, 25% of known significant disturbed or abandoned sites (including abandoned roads, dams, trails, campgrounds, picnic areas, disturbed backcountry meadow sites, and other abandoned sites) as of 1999, are restored (125 of 500 acres); and 90% of the disturbed sites in Giant Forest, as of 1999, are restored (98 of 109 acres); totaling 223 of 609 acres.

Park Annual Goal. By September 30, 2003, 15% of known significant disturbed or abandoned sites (including abandoned roads, dams, trails, campgrounds, picnic areas, disturbed backcountry meadow sites, and other abandoned sites) as of 1999, are restored (75 of 500 acres); and 54% of the disturbed sites at Giant Forest, as of 1999, are restored (59 of 109 acres); totaling 134 of 609 acres.

Miscellaneous Notes. Park lands on which natural processes have been significantly altered by past land use practices, administrative activities, and visitor use, need to be restored to their natural condition. Impacts from such land use practices, activities, and visitor use include disturbances from roads, dams, and other abandoned sites; as well as overuse in campgrounds, picnic areas, trails, and backcountry meadows. This goal improves natural resource conditions by restoring these disturbed sites.

Tracker. This goal will be tracked by the park forester.

Goal Verification/Validation. This includes monitoring of restored areas and written and photographic documentation of results.